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# Minutes

OF THE

## Fifty-first Annual Session

OF THE

# Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association

Which Convened with the Saint James Baptist Church

LEASBURG, N. C.

August 7, 8 and 9, 1918

Rev. C. J. Springfield, *Moderator*
Roxboro, N. C.

G. Smith, *Secretary*
Leasubrg, N. C.

Next session will be held with the Yanceyville Baptist Church, Yanceyville, N. C., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, commencing before the Second Sunday in August, 1919.

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R. H. Winstead, G. Smith, Rev. R. D. Mason

DIRECTORS

S. W. White, R. D. Mason, C. W. Crutchfield, A. Thaxton
H. Lipscomb, J. H. Williams, Wm. Warner, J. G. Johnson

ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS

Allen's Chapel—R. F. Hester, Rufus Fuller.
Beulah—Freeman Whitfield, Wm. Lea.
Burton's Chapel—J. Lea, C. Bigelow.
Blackwell—By pastor.
Blue Stone—R. F. Mills
Bold Spring—By pastor.
Ephesus—W. T. Williamson.
Grave's Chapel—T. F. Philips, W. J. Philips.
Gwynn's Chapel—M. J. Graves.
Hamer—Anderson Slade, Ernest Swann.
Hyco Zion—J. T. Winstead, Ed. Smith.
High Street Milton—E. W. Watkins, A. Phelps.
High Rock—Felix Love, D. L. Stephens.
Jones Crossroads—By pastor.
Mount Olive—Calvin Jeffreys, A. Jeffreys.

Sassafras Grove—Frank
Spring Grove—Rev. G. W. Glass.
Sunny Home—Wm. Abbott.
Warren's Chapel—D. R. Rudd, W. P. Vilines.
Yanceyville—Henry Lea, H. Currie.
Young's Chapel—J. O'Briant, Lea Moore.
Zion Level—J. H. Johnson, Wiley Barnett.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association convened at the Saint James Baptist Church, near Leasburg, N. C., August 7, 1918, in its Fifty-first Annual Session at 10:30 a.m. Deacons H. Lipscomb and Richard Winstead with much earnestness sang some soul-stirring songs, which gave promise to the many delegates and ministers that the fifty-first annual session was a reality.

Rev. C. J. Springfield called for order. Revs. S. Wade, D. Johnson and S. L. Badget were appointed on devotional exercises. Song No. 163 read by Rev. David Johnson. Scripture reading, Isaiah 8:1-11, by Rev. S. Wade; Rev. S. L. Badget led "I Shall Pray if it Cost My Life," and then offered a soul-stirring invocation. "Once more we meet to pray," was sung, led by Rev. C. J. Springfield, which closed devotionals during the morning session.

Next in order was the welcome address. Rev. R. D. Mason, the energetic pastor, came forward and extended a cordial and hospitable invitation. Able responses were made to the welcome address by Revs. K. Dixon, J. F. Harraway and Bro. A. Hester.

The next grand feature to claim the attention was the introductory sermon by Rev. R. A. Baird, with Rev. Wm. Warner, his alternate. The appointees being duly at hand quickly adjusted themselves for the sermon. Rev. Springfield sang, "O, How I Love Jesus"; then introduced the preachers. Immediately after Rev. Warner arose and lined No. 631, the congregation joined in singing the same. Rev. C. W. Crutchfield read Dan. 3:1-15 as Scripture reading. Rev. J. W. Owen offered prayer.

Rev. Baird arose and as an overture sang "I Have Wandered Far Away from God." Afterwards made some helpful remarks and then announced his text, Dan. 2:44.

Theme: This kingdom that God set up was a Baptist kingdom.

Church. (1) The true church has Christ for its head. (2) The true church has Christ for its guide. (3) The true church is not left for man to rule and control, but a kingdom subjected to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. By-laws and the laws of men have demoralized our churches.

The sermon created some enthusiasm among the brethren and the speaker kept the attention of the congregation from start to finish. At its conclusion prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. Crutchfield. Revs. J. F. Harraway and C. P. Williamson attended the collection; amount raised, $6.05.

Next in order was the annual address. The same was read by the moderator, Rev. C. J. Springfield. On motion the address was referred to a committee on annual address, viz.: Revs. J. W. Owen, Wm. Warner, R. D. Mason, G. Smith, J. H. Love, J. W. Johnson, G. A. Currie, J. F. Harraway.

After singing "Together Let Us Sweetly Live," the association adjourned for dinner. Benediction was offered by Rev. S. Wade.

### First Day—Afternoon Session

The association reassembled at two o'clock, Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. J. F. Harraway, C. C. Richmond, and G. W. Neal. No. 213 was the opening song, read by Rev. Harraway. Psalm 1 was read by Rev. C. C. Richmond; prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Neal; second selection, "And Must I Be to Judgment Brought?" led by Rev. C. C. Richmond.

The moderator arose and after some helpful remarks announced that the association was open for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

Next in order was the enrollment of delegates. (See list of delegates.)

On motion a committee was appointed on reception, viz.: Rev. S. Wade, Rev. J. F. Harraway, and Deacon H. Lipscomb.

Next was the calling of the ministerial roll. Rev. Arthur Richmond was added; Rev. G. A. was changed to C. A. Holland.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Revs. C. P. Williamson and S. L. Badget were sent to the Arbor to preach.

On motion the name of Rev. Arthur Bigelow was inserted in the minutes, and David Pain, Rev. Luther Bradsher, Rev. C. P. Harris, were placed on the list of licentiates.

A letter from Rev. S. L. Parham was read and received.

A letter from Rev. Simpson received.

Next to claim the attention of the association was the doctrinal sermon by Rev. G. A. Currie; on motion the sermon was postponed until eight o'clock at night.

The time having arrived for the election of officers the same was ordered. Revs. C. J. Springfield and G. A. Currie were placed in nomination for moderator; Rev. Springfield was elected.

On motion the rules were suspended and all other officers present were elected by acclamation.

On motion Rev. J. H. Love was elected trustee of the school instead of Rev. W. H. Jones.

On motion Deacon Thomas Smith was elected director instead of Deacon B. B. Bolton.

On motion Rev. J. H. Williams was elected instead of T. L. Cobb.

The association sang, "Together Let Us Sweetly Live"; then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. D. Price.

### First Day—Evening Session

The association reassembled at 8:30 p.m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Some time was spent in praise service by many of the ministers, but the secretary failed to get their names. After the praise service the moderator announced that the association was open for business.

The main feature of the evening session was the doctrinal sermon by Rev. G. A. Currie, with Rev. J. H. Love his alternate. Rev. C. P. Williamson led in singing "God Will Take Care of

You." Rev. G. A. Currie then read hymn No. 149. Scripture reading, Luke 5:1-9. Prayer was offered by Rev. Luther Bradsher. Bro. B. Theo. Hairstone, editor and proprietor of the *Headlight,* with much melody and earnestness sang the Revelation song. Then the regular appointees gave way to Rev. S. B. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reidsville, N. C. After an introduction Rev. Brown was ready, watching and waiting. Subject: "Too Many Churches." He said, in part: "Don't you get mad because I am going to preach the gospel. If you have been living crooked just straighten up. Christ set up only one church, and if there are others, there are too many. All denominations shall be broken up and have one church. Jereboam established a kind of religion, but it could not stand. Every denomination, except three, came out of the Baptist Church." Rev. Brown preached a great sermon. It met with approval from all the people.

At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Morton. A collection was lifted by Revs. S. Wade and J. H. Love. Amount raised, $10.

The association adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. P. Williamson.

### Second Day—Morning Session

The association convened at 9:30 a.m., Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Revs. C. P. Williamson, C. P. Harris and H. J. Maden, were selected to conduct devotional exercises. Rev. Maden read hymn No. 239, viz.: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Rev. Harris read Rom. 12 as Scripture lesson. Rev. Williamson, after singing "The Silver Cord Will Break," offered prayer. Second song, led by Rev. Maden, viz.: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The moderator, after making some remarks on the topics of the day, announced that the association was in order for business.

Information having reached the association that Rev. Reuben Wilson of the Rowan, and once a member of the Cedar Grove Association, had laid down his armor and passed through those

pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, the association decided to hold memorial services as a token of respect and esteem for his life and works.

Services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Adams. "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above," was sung, led by Rev. Adams, who also offered prayer. Second hymn, "A Few More Years May Roll." Prayer was offered by Deacon Vester Graves, a member of Rev. Wilson's church. Singing one more beautiful selection, the closing prayer was offered by Rev. S. Wade. Spiritual interest and enthusiasm ran high during the service and not a few hearts overflowed with love.

A letter from Bro. J. G. Johnson was read and received.

On motion the following visiting brethren and preachers were made welcome, namely, Rev. H. Stanfield of East Cedar Grove Association, Bro. Mayes of Rowan, Bro. Vester Graves.

Next in order was the appointment of committees.

Committee on Sermons—Willie Bland, Robert Williamson, Moses Lipscomb, Joe Word, W. T. Williamson, James Foster, Wm. Lipscomb, Wm. Stanfield.

Committee on Time and Place—J. H. Boland, Jas. Philip, Ed. Smith, R. F. Mills, A. Slade, A. Thaxton, C. Outlaw, B. Link, H. Kimbro.

Committee on Education—Rev. T. Y. Stanfield, Rev. R. D. Mason, Rev. Jas. Adams, Rev. J. H. Love, G. Smith, Rev. G. A. Currie, Rev. C. P. Harris, Rev. C. P. Williamson, Rev. S. C. Coleman, C. Bigelow, B. Wiley, S. T. Stanfield, Rev. F. Love.

Committee on Obituary—J. P. Parks, Wiley Barnett, D. L. Stamps, A. L. Roan, Jerry Lea, Henry Currie, Henry Thaxton, Rev. H. J. Maden, Wm. Thaxton, F. Whitfield, Dink Johnson.

Committee on Appropriation—Rev. J. H. Williams, Felix Love, Jas. Thaxton, William Lea, Luther Bradsher, Jas. O'Briant, A. Phelps, S. W. White, Rev. Wm. Morton, A. F. Williamson, Rev. H. Byrd.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Rev. S. Wade, M. Graves, Rev. C. W. Crutchfield, S. W. White, Weldon Williamson, Rev. R. A. Baird, Rev. R. S. Clark, Rev. S. B. Brown.

Committee on Finance—R. H. Winstead, Rev. J. H. Love, T. F. Philips, R. A. Wilkerson, Rev. S. L. Badget, Robert Reid, Tom Smith, Rev. V. Bradsher, Ferrell Jordan.

Committee on Home Missions—Rev. J. A. Blackwell, Rev. T. P. Wiley, W. H. Price, Rev. J. F. Harraway, Rev. R. L. Thompson, Rev. H. Barnett, Rev. John Ray.

Committee on Reception—Rev. S. Wade, H. Lipscomb, Rev. J. F. Harraway.

Committee on Annual Address—Revs. J. W. Owen, W. M. Warner, R. D. Mason, J. H. Love, G. W. Johnson, G. A. Currie, J. F. Harraway, G. W. Neal.

The hour having arrived for dinner, the association adjourned. Benediction was offered by Rev. C. W. Crutchfield.

### Second Day—Afternoon Session

The association reassembled at 2:30, Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Opening selection, "Hear the Voice of Jesus Crying."

The program was set aside and the association listened to Brother Hairston, who sang many beautiful songs, and then represented the *Headlight,* a paper printed in Danville, Va. Not a few subscribed for the paper.

The hour having arrived for preaching at the Arbor, Revs. G. W. Glass and T. P. Wylie were sent to preach at Arbor. Collection raised, $5.35.

Rev. Dr. Brown of Reidsville, was the next speaker. Subject: My Native Home in the West Indies Islands. The association received some helpful instruction from the discourse made by Dr. Brown.

Next in order was the educational sermon by the Rev. J. W. Owen. Rev. R. A. Baird lined and led, "Lord, in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear." Dr. Brown read Prov. 20:9-14. Prayer was offered by Rev. Oscar Springfield.

Rev. Owen, the speaker, arose, entered the stand and, after singing a few lines of "Down at the Cross," selected as his text: Prov. 30:25. The sermon was progressive, logically arranged and up to the present time. Collection raised, $11.85.

An educational rally followed the sermon. Those who paid twenty-five cents, viz.:

Gus Paylor, 25c; Henry Russell, 25c; Ingram Johnson, 25c; Laura Long, 25c; Carrie Allen, 25c; Andrew Hayes, 25c; Annie Crawley, 25c; Ernest Jones, 25c; Walter Wiley, 25c; Nathan Bigelow, 25c; Onnie Hall, 25c; Harvey Gwynn, 25c; Jane Dodson, 45c; J. W. Word, $1.00; Rev. C. S. Stroud, $1.00.

MINISTERS

J. W. Owen, $1.00; C. W. Crutchfield, $1.00; C. C. Richmond, $1.00; F. Love, $1.00; G. A. Currie, $1.00; T. Y. Stanfield, $1.00; C. J. Springfield, $1.00; J. H. Williams, $1.00; S. P. Warren, $1.00; G. W. Johnson, $1.00; J. A. Tucker, $1.00; A. L. Thompson, $1.00; M. L. Burton, $1.00; Jas. Adams, $1.00; R. A. Baird, $1.00; Wm. Abbott, $1.00; C. P. Williamson, $1.00; W. M. Morton, $1.00; G. W. Glass, $1.00; S. Wade, $1.00; E. G. Chism, $1.00; S. B. Brown, $1.00; C. G. Graves, $1.00; S. L. Parham, $1.00; R. D. Mason, $1.00; Wm. Brown, $1.00; H. Barnett, 50c; T. M. Simpson, 50c; Henry Madden, $1.00; James Westerbrooks, $1.00; S. C. Coleman, $1.00; Gwynn Wade, 50c; Luther Bradsher, $1.00; C. P. Harris, $1.00; Walter Blackwell, $1.00; Ferrell Jordan, 25c; Moses Winstead, 50c; G. T. Harris, $1.00; Sam Barnett, $1.00; N. Price, $1.00; D. Woods, $1.00; H. Byrd, $1.00; G. W. Neal, $1.00; H. Wilson, $1.00; W. E. Barnett, $1.00; J. F. Harraway, $1.00; David Price, $1.00; J. H. Love, $1.00; Oscar Springfield, $1.00; Wm. Warner, $1.00; S. L. Badget, $1.00; Lewis Lawson, $1.00; T. P. Wiley, $1.00; J. W. Wiley, $1.00; R. S. Clark, $1.00.

Pledges paid by those subscribed August, 1917:

E. Smith, $5.00; E. Wilkerson, $5.00; A. Thaxton, $5.00; T. Y. Stanfield, $5.00; Richard Winstead, $10.00; R. A. Baird, $2.00; S. L. Badget, $2.00; Jas. P. Parks, $5.00; G. Smith, $10.00; G. A. Currie, $10.00; F. Love, $5.00; C. J. Springfield, $5.00; Jas. Thaxton, $2.50; J. H. Williams, $1.00; R. D. Mason, $15.00.

The association gave recess until 5 o'clock, that the committees might make out their reports.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

The association reassembled at eight o'clock, Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Singing, "There is Rest for the Weary," led by Rev. C. J. Springfield. Next song by Rev. H. Byrd, viz.: "O, For a Closer Walk With God." Scripture reading, John 3. Prayer was offered by Rev. Silas Lea; minutes deferred until morning.

On motion Bro. P. R. Mason was made welcome.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY—Continued

W. T. Williamson, 50c; Weldon Williamson, 50c; R. L. Williams, 50c; Morris Graves, 50c; Ed. Smith, 50c; Calvin Jeffreys, 50c; J. T. Winstead, 50c; Albert Jeffreys, 50c; J. F. Lea, 50c; Cheseman Bige-

low, 50c; R. T. Mills, 50c; A. H. Williamson, 50c; Felix Love, 50c; H. L. Lockhart, 50c; T. F. Philip, 50c; W. J. Philips, 50c; Anderson Slade, 50c; Ernest Swann, 50c; C. P. Williamson, 50c; W. W. Lipscomb, 50c; J. H. Bolton, 50c; Tom Smith, 50c; Andrew Thaxton, 50c; T. W. Winstead, 50c; Jas. Foster, 50c; B. Willis, 50c; Wm. Stanfield, 50c; J. H. Pulliam, 50c; Jas. Thaxton, 50c; Ed. Wagstaff, 50c; Robert Bolton, 25c; P. R. Mason, 25c; J. W. Word, 50c; C. Outlaw, 50c; E. Wilkerson, 50c; J. B. Read, 50c; A. L. Roan, 50c; S. T. Stanfield, 50c; H. Lipscomb, 50c; Moses Lipscomb, 50c; Byrd Johnson, 50c; Byrd Link, 50c; Geo. Woody, 25c; Jas. Brown, 50c; Ab. Peatross, 50c; Will Thaxton, 50c; Henry Thaxton, 50c; R. A. Wilkerson, 50c; W. T. Bland, 50c; J. A. Blackwell, 50c; Pastor, 50c; J. T. Winstead, __; Willis Luster, 50c; W. H. Price, 50c; Frank Lea, 50c; Pastor, 50c; Abbott Sunny Home, 50c; Henry Lea, 50c; Henry Currie 50c; J. H. Johnson, 50c; Wiley Barnett, 50c; Henderson Kimbro, 50c; G. W. Baynes, 50c; S. Nunnally, 50c; G. Smith, 50c; G. W. Glass, 50c; Dan Rudd, 50c; Wyatt Velines, 50c; . S. O'Briant, 50c; Lea Moore, 50c; R. H. Winstead, 50c; S. W. White, 50c; Lewis Lawson, 25c; F. M. Whitfield, 50c; Willie Lea, 50c; Rev. W. H. Stanfield, $1.00; Rev. Silas Lea, $1.00.

Next was receiving reports from committees. Committee on Moderator's Address reported. (See reports.) Committee on Time and Place reported. (See reports.) Committee on Education reported. (See reports.) Committee on Sermons reported. (See reports.) Committee on Obituary reported. (See reports.) Committee on Home Missions reported. (See reports.)

Dr. S. B. Brown spoke of the Report on Home Missions with much fervor and gave the brethren a greater vision of the work of missions. Rev. Stanfield also made some helpful remarks.

Next was the reports from Sunday school Convention by Revs. C. P. Harris and C. C. Graves. The report was received and adopted. (See reports.)

Collection raised at Arbor during evening session, $4.15. $1.50 was sent from Sunday school for home missions.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the Sunday school convention.

Evening session adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Jas. Adams.

## Third Day—Morning Session

The association convened at 9:30, Rev. C. J. Springfield in the chair. Some time was spent in devotional exercises. Several of the brethren participating.

Next, reading of minutes of afternoon and evening sessions, which were adopted. The moderator made some remarks on the order of business then announced the association was ready for business.

The hour having arrived for services at the Arbor, Revs. J. F. Harraway and S. L. Lea were sent to the stand.

On motion all moneys were placed within the hands of Committee on Finance.

Some time was given Rev. R. A. Baird, who spoke on the seriousness of the present time. The speaker remarked well.

Committee on Appropriation reported. Report was recommitted. Committee on Auditing Reported. (See reports.) Committee on Foreign Missions reported. (See reports.) Committee on Appropriation reported. (See reports.) On motion $5 be stricken out and $10 be inserted. Home mission changed to State missions.

On motion, Rev. C. J. Springfield to represent the association at the Baptist State Convention. Adopted.

On motion of J. P. Parks a vote of thanks was tendered to St. James Church for hospitality offered to delegates and ministers during the session.

A motion prevailed that the association appoint an agent to canvass and solicit means or money for our educational work. On motion, Rev. Jas. Adams was elected to be the agent. On motion, the board of directors must see that the agent discharge his duty.

Collection raised at Arbor, $10.

Report read from the Sisters Home Mission Convention. On motion the report was received and adopted. Two dollars was sent to the association from the Sisters Home Mission Convention. The association tendered the convention a vote of thanks.

Appointment of fraternal messengers, viz.:

Roan Association—Rev. C. P. Williamson.
Sunny Side Association—Rev. C. J. Springfield.
East Cedar Grove—Rev. T. Y. Stanfield.
Cherry Stone—Rev. W. M. Warner.
High Point—Rev. J. F. Harraway.
Banister—Rev. R. A. Baird.
Middle—Rev. S. Wade.
Smith River—Rev. Wm. Morton.

On motion corresponding secretary will look after delinquents who did not meet their subscription to the educational rally during the association, and have them to forward same to him (corresponding secretary).

Committee on Finance reported. (See reports.)

On motion the educational money was placed with the Banking Committee.

Rev. C. W. Crutchfield led "Come, Holy Spirit," joined by the association. Afterward the Rev. C. P. Williamson offered prayer.

So this session is recorded in the archives of the association as its greatest, spiritually, financially, and honorably.

The next annual session will meet with the Yanceyville Baptist Church, Yanceyville, N. C., Wednesday morning at 10:30 before the second Sunday in August, 1919.

Rev. C. J. Springfield,
*Moderator.*

G. Smith, *Secretary.*

# ANNUAL ADDRESS

By Rev. C. J. Springfield

*To the Ministers, Delegates and Brethren of the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina*—Greetings:

Under the benign and merciful providence of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to meet in our Fifty-first Annual Session.

It seems but yesterday, when few brothers, full of zeal, and with courage to do and dare called a meeting to organize this body, which has lived fifty-one years, and which during these years has served as a center of life and light and influence around which the worker of this Association has rallied, and from which has steadily gone forth impulses and influences that we have kept the banner of the Master to the front.

We, therefore, brethren, are met for business, on the King's business, not for pleasure; for conference, and not for controversy. Let us therefore keep our heads clear, our eyes single, our minds centered and our hearts pure, in order that we may plan wisely for the future of our great cause.

Therefore, there are three great causes we are called to do. Mission work calls more loudly today than before, namely: Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Education.

Neglected fields lie wide open before us, inviting our occupation. We should blush with shame to admit that fifty-one years of service and experience, notwithstanding our wonderful intellectual and financial advancement, the education and work done by the negro Baptists of this Association is still vague and indefinite, but a little more than a comedy on Missions, in fact the work is marked by blunders, errors, inefficiency and indifference.

We must begin anew to put brains into our missionary work, to acquaint ourselves more thoroughly with the work to be done, to agree on some definite plan of work, and raising money to awaken interest in the definite way of this Association.

Our greatest weakness is a lack of understanding among ourselves. This condition is not due to personal ill-will or hostility, but to the fact we do not know each other. We do not come in contact, there is not enough of hand-shaking or face to face conversations. We have to be introduced to each other nearly every time we meet. It often happens that we know more about those and are easier and on friendlier terms with men of other churches than with our brethren of our denominational kith and kin.

Dear brethren, we need to come together in the future more than we have in the past, that there may be more amity and ministerial courtesy in our ranks.

It has been thought well by me to have an organization in which ministers alone may meet and talk over in an informal way things

that concern ministers themselves in their work as pastors and ambassadors of the Great King and their relations and inter-relations with each other, and how they may best help each other, protect and support each other in their various fields of labor.

Ministers are the earthly captains of the Lord of Hosts. If the captains are at variance among themselves, how can the army, the rank and file, hope to succeed in their specific calling and work?

Ministers of the Gospel certainly constitute a class by themselves. If the ministers of our churches get together and understand each other and stand together, no power can prevent their taking this State and the whole world for Christ.

We, as ministers, must needs be aggressive and progressive preachers. Dear brethren, the Master's Kingdom is suffering today, not for the want of men who are willing to die for it, but for men who are willing to live and make a sacrifice for it.

Dear brethren, now to a close, it grieves me to see how many ordained ministers and licentiate ministers in our forty-two churches, which have 5,096 members, raise no more money than we do. God help us to do better in the future, for we must do something for the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom. God help us to get a move on us in the future and represent us in our Sunday school next time—1919, Friday before the second Sunday in July.

May the Great Head of all the churches guide us wisely until we meet over the river.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We beg leave to submit the following report:

That Rev. Jas. Adams preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. G. A. Currie his alternate; Rev. R. D. Mason preach the Doctrinal Sermon, with Rev. T. Y. Stanfield his alternate; Rev. J. F. Harraway preach the Educational Sermon, with Rev. J. H. Love his alternate; Rev. J. A. Tucker preach the sermon on Foreign Missions, with Rev. David Price his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Williamson,
W. F. Bland,
J. W. Word,
W. F. Williamson,
W. W. Lipscomb,
Jas. Foster,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Since being aware that ignorance is a curse to humanity; and furthermore the Board of Directors has so ordered and laid the foundation to erect an educational institution in our midst; we recommend the work most heartily to this association, and advise all the churches of this association to contribute to our educational work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. T. Y. Stanfield,
Rev. R. D. Mason,
Rev. Jas. Adams,
Rev. J. H. Love,
Rev. G. A. Currie,
Rev. C. P. Harris,
Rev. C. P. Williamson,
G. Smith,
Rev. G. S. Coleman,
Cheseman Bigelow,
S. T. Stanfield,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Yanceyville Baptist Church be the place for holding our next annual session of the association, and Wednesday before the second Sunday in August, 1919, be the time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Bolton,
Jim Philips,
E. D. Smith,
R. T. Mills,
A. Slade,
A. Thaxton,
B. Link,
C. Outlaw,
H. Kimbro,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Owing to the World War and the demand of the times, we are informed that our spiritual forces on the dark land of Africa are weakening.

*Resolved*, that this association send not less than ten dollars to the Lott Carey Convention and send a delegate to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. S. Wade,
M. Graves,
Rev. C. W. Crutchfield,
S. W. White,
F. Lea,
Weldon Williamson,
Rev. R. S. Clark,
Dr. S. B. Brown,
Rev. R. A. Baird,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the following churches were duly represented, paying three dollars each: Allen's Chapel, Beulah, Burton's Chapel, Blackwell, Olive Hill, River Zion, Blue Stone, Ephesus, Spring Grove, Red Hill,

New Hope, Bold Spring, Mill Hill, Graves' Chapel, Gwynn's Chapel, High Rock, High Street Milton, Hamer, Mount Olive, Hyco Zion, Morning Star, Sunny Home, Smith's Chapel, Jones Crossroads, Sweet Gum Grove, Mount Hermon, Saint James, New Zion, Mount Zion, Mount Bethel, Sassafras Grove, Mineral Spring, Pleasant Grove, Mayo Grove, New Mount Zion, Prospect Hill, Shady Grove, Providence, Young's Chapel, Yanceyville, Rocky Ridge, Warren's Chapel, Kime's Grove, Zion Level.

Total assessment from churches, $132.00.

Educational assessment as follows:

Blackwell, $3.00; River Zion, $12.00; Bold Spring, $1.00; Red Hill, $4.00; Mill Hill, $4.42; Graves' Chapel, $2.00; Gwynn's Chapel, $1.00; High Rock, $1.00; Hyco Zion, $50.57; Morning Star, $1.00; Sunny Home, $1.00; Jones's Crossroads, $1.00; Mount Hermon, $1.00; Saint James, $12.23; New Zion, $10.00; Mount Zion, $10.00; Sassafras Grove, $5.00; Mineral Spring, $3.00; Pleasant Grove, $26.25; Mayo Grove, $7.16; New Mount Zion, $5.05; Prospect Hill, $5.00; Shady Grove, $3.50; Young's Chapel, $6.00; Yanceyville, 50c; Zion Level, $1.00.

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| Total from churches | $180.68 |
| Collection following doctrinal sermon | 10.00 |
| Collection following introductory sermon | 6.05 |
| Collection following services at Arbor | 25.02 |
| Educational sermon | 11.90 |
| From pledges | 87.50 |
| Annual assessment from ministers | 49.75 |
| Received from friends and delegates | 40.00 |
| Received from S. S. Convention | 23.65 |
| Received from Sister H. M. | 2.00 |
| Received from J. G. Johnson | 3.00 |
| Total collected during the session | $571.80 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Winstead,
Rev. J. H. Love,
T. F. Philips,
R. A. Wilkerson,
Rev. S. L. Badget,
Robert Reid,
Thomas Smith,
Rev. V. Bradsher,
Ferrell Jordan,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, your Committee on Moderator's Address, beg leave to submit the following report:

That after a careful investigation of the same and making special emphasis of article 8 regarding ministerial organization, we recommend that the address be printed in the minutes of this session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. W. Owen,
Rev. Wm. Warner,
Rev. G. A. Currie,
Rev. J. H. Love,
Rev. R. D. Mason,
Rev. J. F. Harraway,
Rev. G. W. Johnson,
Rev. G. W. Glass,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

We your Committee on Appropriation, beg leave to make the following report:

We show our benevolence as follows:

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| To Moderator | $ 6.00 |
| To Vice-Moderator | 3.00 |
| To Recording Secretary | 20.00 |
| To Corresponding Secretary | 5.00 |
| Printing | 63.00 |
| Orphan asylum | 5.00 |
| Foreign Missions | 5.00 |
| Home Missions | 5.00 |
| Incidental expenses | 3.00 |
| Ice | 1.20 |
| Indebtedness | 1.22 |
| Total | $117.42 |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Williams,
Felix Love,
Jas. Thaxton.
Willie Lea,
Rev. Luther Bradsher.
Jas. O'Briant.
A. Phelps,
S. W. White.
Rev. Wm. Morton,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we find our schools both public and private, much in need of means to make them a success; also our sick and poor are much in want for food and clothing. Our trustees are pushing our educational work, but the burden is too heavy for them to carry alone; so we deacons and preachers must give relief by coming to their rescue, and doing all we can to help them in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. A. Blackwell,
Rev. T. P. Wiley,
W. H. Price,
Rev. J. F. Harraway,
Rev. R. L. Thompson,
Rev. H. Barnett,
Rev. John Ray,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION

We, your Committee on Reception, beg leave to make the followng report:

That we find two new churches seeking membership, viz.: Rocky Ridge Baptist Church, Lawsonville, N. C., with Rev. D. Price, pastor, and Kind's Grove Baptist Church, Mebane, N. C., Rev. J. A. Blackwell, pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. S. Wade,
Rev. J. F. Harraway,
Henry Lipscomb,
*Committee.*

## COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

We, your Committee on Printing, beg leave to submit the following report:

That there be printed eight hundred copies of minutes, publishing the proceedings from this session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. A. Tucker,
Rev. Dewit Woods,
D. R. Rudd,
Jim Johnson,
Wyatt Vilines,
Moses Winstead,
Rev. W. Blackwell,
Rev. E. G. Chisholm,
J. W. Luster,
*Committee.*

## LETTER FROM SISTERS HOME MISSION OF PLEASANT GROVE

We beg leave to submit the following report that others may know what we are doing for the Lord and His cause:

We gave to the sick and poor, $15.40; visits made to the sick, 84; sent to Foreign Missions, $12.00.

We are trying to do all we can to hold up the good cause of Christ.

We send to the association, $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SALLIE WEBB, *President.*
MRS. M. A. PEACE, *Secretary.*

## COMMITTEE FROM THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

We, your Committee from the Sunday-school Convention, beg leave to report that the Sunday-school Convention of the Cedar Grove Association does show its benevolence to the educational work by donating $23.75.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. P. HARRIS.
REV. C. G. GRAVES.
*Committee.*

## LETTER FROM THE SISTERS HOME MISSION SOCIETY

DEAR BRETHREN: We send to you Christian greetings. Sisters Mary E. Jones and Sallie Blackwell will represent us this session. Our object is to foster the cause of Christ and education. We have in treasury, $73.15. We send to help defray expenses, $2.00. Our subordinate societies are contributing most wonderfully to the sick, the poor, the churches and pastors. We extend to the association an invitation to attend our annual session, which will convene with the Prospect Hill Baptist Church, Woodsdale, N. C.

Done by order of the convention.

MRS. E. L. GLENN, *President.*
MRS. M. E. THAXTON, *Pres. of Directors.*
MISS K. F. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

## COMMITTEE ON BANKING

We, your Committee on Banking, beg leave to submit the following report:

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| Brought from last session—1917 | $665.72 |
| Received at River Zion August, 1917 | 152.77 |
| Received from ministerial and deacon's meetings up to July, 31, 1918 | 82.00 |
| Total to August 5, 1918 | $900.49 |

## PROGRAM

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.—Assemble.
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.—Devotional exercises.
11:00 to 11:15 a.m.—Address of Welcome and Response.
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.—Introductory Sermon.
12:15 to 12:45 p.m.—Opening Address.
12:45 to 1:00 p.m.—Enrollment of messengers.
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Recess.
2:30 to 3:15 p.m.—Sermon.
3:15 to 3:30 p.m.—Miscellaneous business.
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Election of officers.
4:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

### Thursday

9:30 to 10:00 a.m.—Devotional exercises.
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.—Reception and approving Minutes.
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.—Appointment of committees.
11:15 to 11:45 a.m.—Reports.
11:45 to 12 m.—Report of trustees.
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.—Miscellaneous business.
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Recess.
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.—Devotional exercises.
3:00 to 3:30 p.m.—Address.
3:30 to 3:40 p.m.—Collection.
3:40 to 4:00 p.m.—Report of Committee on Temperance.
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Work of Committee.
5:00 p.m.—Adjournment.

### Friday

9:30 to 10:00 a.m.—Devotional exercises.
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.—Reading and approving Minutes.
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 m.—Reports of Committees.
12:00 m. to 1:00 p.m.—Appointment of Fraternal Messengers, and other business that may come before the association.
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Recess.
2:30 p.m.—Reassemble.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be called the Cedar Grove Association.

Art. 2. The object of this association shall be to promote the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, wherever God in His providence shall permit us to labor.

Art. 3. This association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches, in the following manner: Each church connected with the association shall be entitled to send two delegates (together with any

licensed minister who holds his membership or pastoral charges within our bounds), who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, the number baptized the preceding year, restored, deceased, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, the whole number in full fellowship, and the days on which they hold their church meeting. The letter shall also contain a general statement of the condition of the church.

Art. 4. The officers of this association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold their offices until another election.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the association, state and put all questions, and announce the vote of the body. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the association, prepare and superintend the printing of the Minutes, distribute them, and enter them in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the association subject to the order of the association, and shall make at each annual meeting a report of the association.

Art. 6. This association shall have no power to interfere with the internal affairs of the churches, but it shall be its business to advise and aid the affairs of the church in the accomplishment of the object specified in the second article of this Constitution.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist church, by sending delegates to the annual meeting of the body, may be admitted into this union, provided that no church shall be received except by the unanimous vote of the delegates present.

Art. 8. This association shall correspond by delegates with kindred institutions whenever convenient, but no delegate from any other association shall be allowed to vote in this.

Art. 9. Any church in good order, wishing to withdraw from this association, shall, upon making a written request to that effect, be entitled to dismission.

Art. 10. It will be expected of the churches composing this association to remit the funds intended by them for the promotion of the object specified in second article to the association, and such funds shall be faithfully applied according to the direction accompanying them. Nothing in this article or in this Constitution shall be construed to compel the churches to contribute to any object.

Art. 11. Alterations or amendments to this Constitution, provided they do not affect the second, sixth and tenth articles, may be made by a proposition to any annual meeting subject to approbation of two-thirds of the members present at the next annual meeting.

Art. 12. Be it enacted by the Cedar Grove Association that the Constitution governing this association shall be amended so as to read: "One holding an office of this association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this association until his successor is elected and qualified."

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, 1. That in the morning of each session of this association some time be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That this association shall maintain a spirit of forbearance and Christian kindness toward all brethren in the Lord.

3. That no brother can be ordained without he has some education and a gift for the work of the Gospel of Christ in faith fully given to God's work what is due it.

4. That the churches in this association be requested to refrain as much as possible from the transaction of the church business on the Lord's Day, and endeavor to meet regularly on Saturday before their regular appointed Lord's Day for that purpose.

5. That sisters of our church be recommended to form themselves into societies to raise funds by voluntary contributions and monthly fees to aid all pastors and other ministers and to build houses of worship.

6. That no church shall be organized or recognized as in good order that pays less than twenty dollars annually to the support of the Gospel.

7. That we hereby condemn the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership from a sister Baptist church any person without a proper letter of dismission.

8. That we disapprove of the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership any person expelled from a sister Baptist church.

9. That we disapprove of organizing a company or a part of a company into a church without letters of dismission from the church to which they belong.

10. That while we recognize the independence of a Baptist church, we cannot believe said church is at liberty to enact a law of usage contrary to the denomination to which they belong or are identified.

11. That we believe it to our interest as Baptist churches to cling to and practice the New Testament standard.

12. That we recommend to our brethren of the association the obtaining of a thorough knowledge of Baptist church government.

13. That any minister preaching false doctrine shall be ordered by any deacon or minister hearing the same to go before ministerial council for instruction and admonitions. If he persists he shall be nonrecognized by this association as a minister of the Gospel.

14. That it is to the best interest of the churches of this association to call ministers belonging to this association for pastors.

15. That any church stubbornly and willfully refusing to take the advice of the association shall be dropped from our Minutes and no longer considered a member of this association.

16. That no minister should be ordained unless usefulness actually demands it.

17. That the churches in our bounds which have young men licensed to preach will endeavor to raise an educational fund to support such

young men in Cedar Grove Academy, that they may be able to obtain an education.

18. That no minister dealing in ardent spirits or malt liquors, or having an interest in any firm, saloon, grocery or jug tavern or trafficking in alcoholic drinks shall be recognized by this association.

19. That no church should retain any minister as their pastor who habitually indulges in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

20. That no church should retain a deacon or any other member that trafficks in ardent spirits or that patronizes the habitual use or sale of intoxicating drinks.

21. That no church tolerate drunkenness in any of its members, but that every offense should be properly dealt with.

22. That this association commit the entire Sabbath school work to the Sabbath School Union.

23. That each church pay $3.00 associational dues instead of $2.50, and that the additional 50 cents be used for the support of superannuated ministers and for no other purpose.

24. Hereafter no candidate shall be ordained to the ministry without our bounds unless he is competent of mastering the English language correctly and also have a competent knowledge of mathematics.

25. That the ordaining board of the Mount Zion District and of Olive Grove District constitute a committee to examine all ministers whom they think to be qualified to preach the Gospel according to Baptist usages.

26. That we recommend that the herein session adopt the Baptist Hiscock's Directory as the standard, and the only standard by which the ministers shall be guided.

27. That after the adoption of the above report any minister failing to instruct his church in the same shall be nonrecognized by the ministers of this association. We also recommend that all complaints against any minister be referred to the ordaining board.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have a right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but he may call the Vice-Moderator to the chair, and may have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the association, he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

7. When two or more persons shall arise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the association without leave from the association.

10. Decency of speech must be observed and personal reflection must be avoided.

11. While the Moderator is putting the question no person shall speak, stand up or walk across the house, nor when the member is speaking, engage in private conversation, stand up or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, postpone or amend.

13. All committees shall consist of three, unless otherwise ordered by the association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day to select ministers to preach each day of the association and give notice to the preachers, whose duties it shall be to conform to the arrangements.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be altered or suspended unless by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

17. Rules of decorum shall be read the first day of each session of the association.